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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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KEVIN C. AMBROSE, RN	:	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
License # 26NR14655800	:	
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Kevin C. Ambrose ("Respondent"), a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on July 26, 2014, and arraigned on July 30, 2014 in Camden County Superior Court, charged with first-degree murder. It is alleged that Respondent killed his girlfriend, Jennifer Bongco, who was also a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, by stabbing.

Respondent is currently housed in the Camden County Correctional Facility.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and lacks good moral character which is an underlying foundation for licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-26, both of which would provide bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

Additionally, Respondent was arrested on May 17, 2014 by members of the Monroe Township Police Department and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) (Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance or Analog). By letter dated June 6, 2014, the Board requested that Respondent provide information about the May 17, 2014 arrest, his nursing practice, and his continuing education. By letter dated July 7, 2014, Respondent's counsel merely advised that the matter had not yet been presented to the Grand Jury. No other information was provided by Respondent or his attorney in that matter.

The allegations of Respondent's May 17, 2014 arrest, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the

practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and indicate that Respondent may be engaged in drug use that is likely to impair his ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(l).

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily suspending his license without making admissions and without prejudice to his ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS ^{22nd} 15 DAY OF August, 2014,
ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. The license to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, issued to Respondent, Kevin C. Ambrose, is hereby voluntarily surrendered, to be deemed a temporary suspension of license, effective immediately, pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward all nursing licenses, both wallet and wall versions, to Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

4. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

5. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above or upon disposition of the criminal matters.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Patricia Murphy PhD APN

By: _____

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Kevin C. Ambrose

Kevin C. Ambrose, RN
License # 26NR14655800

To Whom it may concern,

I do not have access to my license or diploma. Should I have access in the near future I will forward them to the N.J. Board of Nursing. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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